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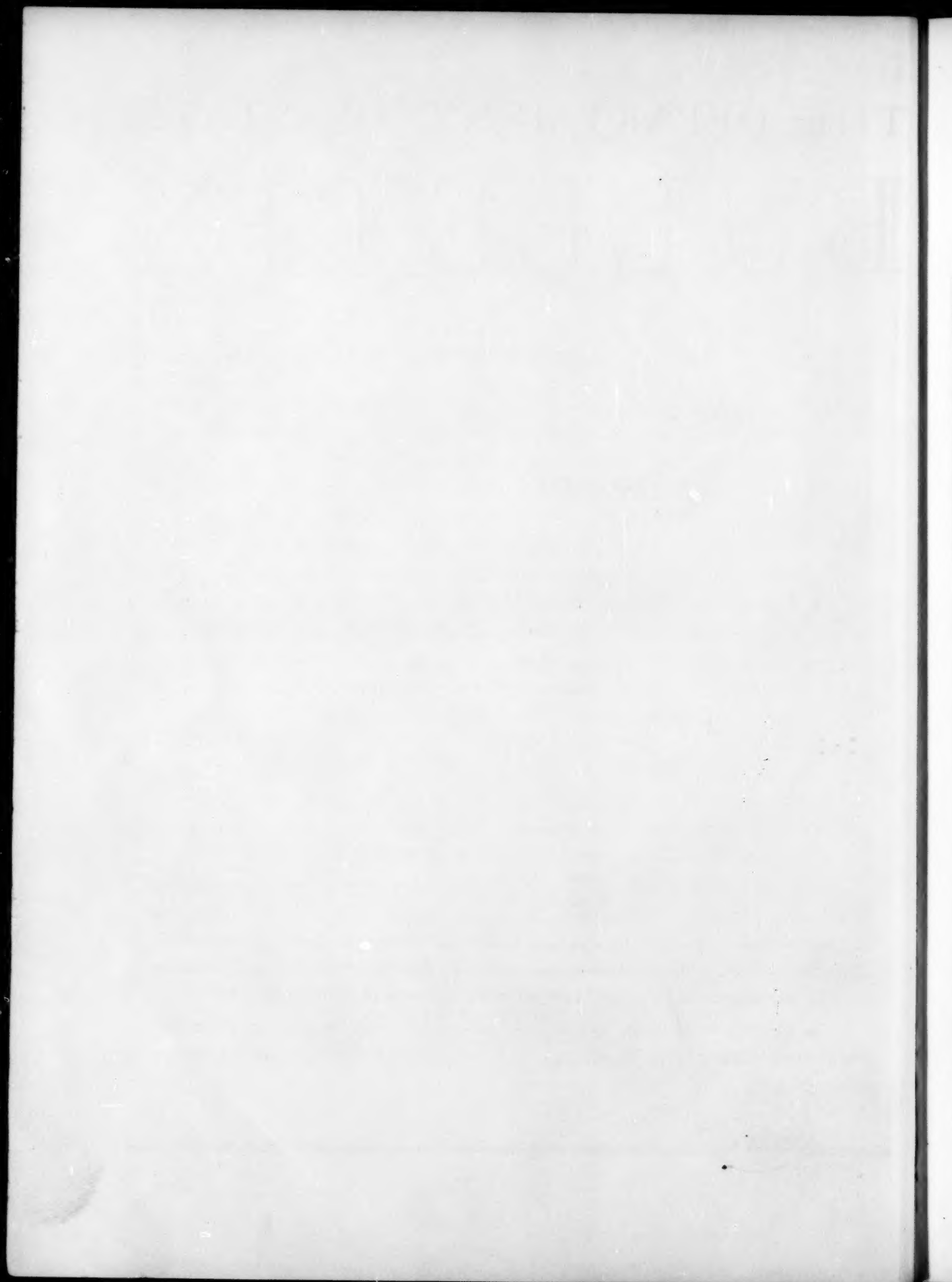
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Announcement

THE present issue inaugurates *The Department of State Bulletin*. This periodical will be published weekly and will contain the texts of press releases, information regarding treaties, and other material on current developments in American foreign relations and the work of the Department of State. It will take the place of the Department's weekly pamphlet *Press Releases* and monthly *Treaty Information* bulletin, which are being discontinued with the issues for June 1939. Indexes to *The Department of State Bulletin* will be prepared and published semiannually.

The decision to discontinue the *Treaty Information* bulletin and the *Press Releases* pamphlet was arrived at after careful consideration by the Department of State and consultation with a number of organizations and persons outside the Government who use one or both of those publications. A large majority of the organizations and persons consulted were of the opinion that the publication in a single bulletin of the material which was being issued in the weekly and monthly periodicals mentioned would be most desirable. This opinion coincided with the belief of the Department that a single bulletin containing both treaty information and information on other closely related aspects of the conduct of American foreign relations would constitute a more useful and convenient source for current reference and for filing than two separate publications.

The material to be published in *The Department of State Bulletin* will be so organized as to enable persons who are interested in certain special subjects to follow developments in their particular fields by reference each week to the appropriate section of the *Bulletin*. Data, for instance, of the character of that previously contained in the *Treaty Information* bulletin will henceforth be printed each week in a separate section of the *Bulletin*.

The Department of State Bulletin is for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., for 10 cents a copy, or for \$2.75 a year by subscription.

PEACE AND NEUTRALITY LEGISLATION

Statement by the Secretary of State

[Released July 11]

I am still thoroughly convinced that the six-point peace and neutrality program set forth in my letters to Senator Pittman and Representative Bloom on May 27, 1939,¹ would be far more effective in the interests of peace and in keeping the country out of war than the present embargo law or any equivalent.

This legislative proposal was submitted to the appropriate committees of the two Houses of Congress after lengthy conferences with members of these committees and with other leading Members of Congress of all political persuasions. It was my hope and belief that, while this proposal might not contain all that every individual Member of Congress or every official of the executive branch of the Government wished, it would in the present international exigencies be regarded as desirable by

a majority of Congress. Its failure to pass the House by a narrow margin is a matter of regret and disappointment from the standpoint of peace and the best interests of this country in its international relations.

This six-point peace and neutrality proposal is not only best calculated to keep this Nation out of war in the event war comes, but also, what is all-important at this time, best calculated to make a far greater contribution than could the present law or its equivalent toward the discouragement of the outbreak of war. At the same time, while doing this, it would likewise keep this Government and Nation 100 percent within the limits of universally recognized international law.

In these circumstances, I must continue to urge the adoption of this proposal.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1940

The first of the following tables shows the increases and decreases in the State Department's appropriations for the 1940 fiscal year as compared with the 1939 fiscal year. The second table shows increases and decreases in the

estimates as submitted to the Congress by the Bureau of the Budget and as approved by the President compared with the 1940 appropriations approved by the Congress.

The Department's appropriation bill for 1940 was approved by the President on June 29, 1939.

¹ See *Press Releases*, Vol. XX, No. 505, June 3, 1939, pp. 475-477.

TABLE I

DEPARTMENT OF STATE APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1940 COMPARED WITH FISCAL YEAR 1939

(NOTE.—For purposes of comparison it should be carefully noted that the 1939 column includes all deficiency appropriations in addition to those in the regular annual appropriation bill, whereas for 1940 only the latter are shown since no deficiencies for that year have yet been passed.)

Appropriation title	Appropriations for 1940	Appropriations for 1939	Increases (+) Decreases (—) for 1940	Reasons for increases or decreases
DEPARTMENT PROPER				
Salaries, Department of State----	\$2, 192, 000	\$2, 072, 600	+\$119, 400	Increases of \$92,640 for 47 additional permanent positions; and \$26,760 to reduce the deficit which is now required to be covered by lapses.
Salaries, Reciprocal Trade Agreements.	225, 000	250, 000	—25, 000	General reduction which will require readjustments in present set-up.
Contingent Expenses, Department of State.	138, 000	95, 810	+42, 190	Increases of \$7,875 for general supplies and services; \$2,000 for replacement of trucks and purchase of one additional car; \$11,065 for equipment for additional personnel and replacements, particularly of machines. Decrease of \$4,500 in travel. The sum of \$25,750 was continued available for 1939 from 1938 and, therefore, was in addition to the appropriation of \$95,810. Increase for 1940 over funds actually available for 1939 is, therefore, \$25,750 less than the \$42,190, which is on the basis of appropriations.
Printing and Binding, Department of State.	225, 000	172, 750	+52, 250	Increases of \$13,600 for consolidation of consular regulations and instructions to diplomatic officers; \$18,000 for Foreign Relations; \$4,500 for press releases; \$4,110 for passports and passport forms; \$9,000 for Foreign Service requirements; and \$3,040 for miscellaneous items.
Printing and Binding, Department of State (Supplemental for special items for 1939).	-----	15, 000	—15, 000	Non-recurring for 1940.
Passport Agencies, Department of State.	60, 000	63, 500	—3, 500	Decrease based on trend of expenditures for past year.
Collecting and Editing Territorial Papers.	19, 800	20, 000	—200	General decrease.
Promotion of Foreign Trade-----	43, 000	40, 000	+3, 000	Funds available for 1939 were \$4,500 more than the appropriation of \$40,000 due to the availability of the unexpended balance for 1938. For 1940 no balance is brought forward.
TOTAL DEPARTMENT PROPER	2, 902, 800	2, 729, 660	+173, 140	

Appropriation title	Appropriations for 1940	Appropriations for 1939	Increases (+) Decreases (-) for 1940	Reasons for increases or decreases
FOREIGN SERVICE				
Salaries of Ambassadors and Ministers.	\$650,000	\$640,000	+\$10,000	Increase of \$22,500 required for raising ranks of Ministers to Colombia, Panama, and Venezuela to Ambassadors. Decreases of \$10,000 for Minister to Czechoslovakia; and \$2,500 additional to be saved on lapses.
Salaries of Foreign Service Officers.	3,580,000	3,505,100	+74,900	Increases of \$49,900 for automatic promotions and \$25,000 for 10 additional officers.
Transportation, Foreign Service.	600,000	556,700	+43,300	Increases of \$12,500 for transfers of Ambassadors and Ministers; \$10,600 for new officers; \$4,200 for new clerks; \$8,500 for temporary details; and \$7,500 transferred to this appropriation from Contingent Expenses for trade conference travel.
Office and Living Quarters, Foreign Service.	2,020,000	1,962,000	+58,000	Increases of \$12,000 for 10 additional officers; \$11,970 for additional clerks; and \$34,030 to reduce deficit which it is necessary to cover by lapses on allowances for living quarters.
Cost of Living Allowances.	300,000	280,000	+20,000	Increases of \$2,400 for additional officers; \$3,150 for additional clerks; and \$14,450 for increased living costs.
Representation Allowances.	140,000	125,000	+15,000	To make readjustments in the interest of uniform treatment in the allotment of these funds, and to make more adequate provision for official entertainment required by heads of mission.
Retirement Fund.	199,400	187,600	+11,800	
Salaries of Foreign Service Clerks.	2,550,000	2,359,020	+190,980	Increases of \$100,000 for some 700 promotions; \$66,020 for 58 additional permanent clerks; \$15,920 for transfers to this appropriation of personnel previously paid from other appropriations; and \$9,040 for temporary clerks.
Salaries of Foreign Service Clerks (Supplemental for urgent needs in 1939).		41,700	-41,700	Non-recurring for 1940.
Miscellaneous Salaries and Allowances, Foreign Service.	700,000	680,180	+19,820	Increases of approximately \$18,000 for some 600 promotions at an average of \$30; \$1,820 for additional personnel.
Contingent Expenses, Foreign Service.	1,135,000	1,158,500	-23,500	Reductions of \$15,000 in program for purchase of household furniture; \$10,000 for trade conference travel transferred to "Transportation, Foreign Service"; \$2,500 in item for special training of Foreign Service officers; \$650 in automotive equipment. Increase of \$4,650 for supplies, postage, and miscellaneous items.
Contingent Expenses, Foreign Service (Supplemental for telegraph expenses in 1939).		140,000	-140,000	Non-recurring for 1940.
Emergencies Arising in the Diplomatic and Consular Service.	175,000	175,000		
TOTAL FOREIGN SERVICE	12,049,400	11,810,800	+238,600	
FOREIGN SERVICE BUILDINGS.	750,000		+750,000	New appropriation under act of May 25, 1938.

Appropriation title	Appropriations for 1940	Appropriations for 1939	Increases (+) Decreases (-) for 1940	Reasons for increases or decreases
INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS				
Contributions, Quotas, etc. to International Bureaus.	\$870, 000	\$835, 590	+\$34, 410	Increases of \$1,319.67 for Pan American Union; \$27,303.44 for Pan American Sanitary Bureau; and \$10,786.89 for International Labor Organization. Decrease of \$5,000 for Meeting of International Road Congress which is a non-recurring item.
Convention for the Promotion of Inter-American Cultural Relations.	75, 000	-----	+75, 000	New item growing out of convention signed at Buenos Aires, December 23, 1936.
Mexican Boundary Commission (Regular).	193, 000	143, 300	+49, 700	Increase is entirely for operation and maintenance of the Rio Grande Rectification Project which is to be assumed by the regular Commission upon completion.
Rio Grande Rectification Project.	-----	229, 500	-229, 500	Anticipated completion of this project.
Lower Rio Grande Flood Control Project.	800, 000	311, 500	+488, 500	Although there is an increase in the actual amount appropriated for 1940, there was a considerable balance brought forward to 1939 from 1938 which made funds available for 1939 somewhat in excess of the appropriation for 1940.
Rio Grande Canalization Project.	500, 000	646, 500	-146, 500	Reduction in construction work.
Fence Construction on the Boundary, Arizona.	25, 000	25, 000	-----	
International Boundary Commission, United States and Canada, and Alaska and Canada.	42, 000	41, 500	+500	Increase is for additional field work.
Salaries and Expenses, International Joint Commission, United States and Great Britain.	37, 500	36, 600	+900	Increase for travel, supplies, communication service, and miscellaneous items.
Special and Technical Investigations, United States and Great Britain.	47, 000	49, 000	-2, 000	General reduction.
International Fisheries Commission.	25, 000	25, 000	-----	
International Pacific Salmon Fisheries Commission.	40, 000	25, 000	+15, 000	For more extensive field work in cooperation with Canada.
Eighth American Scientific Congress.	85, 000	-----	+85, 000	Special appropriation for participation by the United States in this conference.
Seventh General Assembly of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics.	4, 500	-----	+4, 500	Special appropriation for organizing this Congress to be held in the United States.
Ninth International Seed Testing Congress.	500	-----	+500	Special appropriation in connection with holding this Congress in the United States.
Payment to Government of Nicaragua.	72, 000	-----	+72, 000	Special appropriation under agreement with Nicaragua.
Fifteenth International Congress of Architects.	-----	15, 000	-15, 000	Non-recurring.
Tenth Pan American Sanitary Conference.	-----	3, 500	-3, 500	Non-recurring.
International Committee on Political Refugees.	-----	50, 000	-50, 000	Appropriation for 1940 undetermined at present.

Appropriation title	Appropriations for 1940	Appropriations for 1939	Increases (+) Decreases (-) for 1940	Reasons for increases or decreases
INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS—Con.				
Fourth International Conference on Private Air Law.		\$15, 500	—\$15, 500	Non-recurring.
Pan American Highway		50, 000	— 50, 000	Non-recurring.
Third Pan American Highway Conference.		15, 000	— 15, 000	Non-recurring.
Commission of Experts on Codification of International Law.		3, 600	— 3, 600	Non-recurring.
Tenth International Congress of Military Medicine and Pharmacy.		50, 000	— 50, 000	Non-recurring.
Arbitration of Smelter Fumes Controversy.		10, 000	— 10, 000	Non-recurring.
TOTAL INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS.	\$2, 816, 500	2, 581, 090	+ 235, 410	
GRAND TOTAL	18, 518, 700	17, 121, 550	+ 1, 397, 150	

TABLE II

DEPARTMENT OF STATE ESTIMATES AS SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS BY THE BUREAU OF THE BUDGET COMPARED WITH APPROPRIATIONS APPROVED BY CONGRESS, 1940

Title of appropriation	Estimate submitted to Congress	Appropriation approved by Congress	Increase (+) Decrease (-)
DEPARTMENT OF STATE			
Salaries, Department of State	\$2, 205, 000. 00	\$2, 192, 000. 00	—\$13, 000. 00
Salaries, Reciprocal Trade Treaties	250, 000. 00	225, 000. 00	—25, 000. 00
Salaries, Inter-American Program	39, 360. 00		—39, 360. 00
Contingent Expenses, Department of State	143, 000. 00	138, 000. 00	—5, 000. 00
Contingent Expenses, Inter-American Program	5, 430. 00		—5, 430. 00
Printing and Binding, Department	214, 500. 00	225, 000. 00	+10, 500. 00
Printing and Binding, Inter-American Program	45, 500. 00		—45, 500. 00
Passport Agencies	63, 500. 00	60, 000. 00	—3, 500. 00
Territorial Papers	20, 000. 00	19, 800. 00	—200. 00
Promotion of Foreign Trade	44, 500. 00	43, 000. 00	—1, 500. 00
TOTAL, DEPARTMENT OF STATE	3, 030, 790. 00	2, 902, 800. 00	—127, 990. 00
FOREIGN SERVICE			
Salaries of Ambassadors and Ministers	655, 000. 00	650, 000. 00	—5, 000. 00
Salaries of Foreign Service Officers	3, 580, 000. 00	3, 580, 000. 00	
Transportation, Foreign Service Officers	610, 000. 00	600, 000. 00	—10, 000. 00
Office and Living Quarters	2, 030, 000. 00	2, 020, 000. 00	—10, 000. 00
Cost of Living Allowance	308, 500. 00	300, 000. 00	—8, 500. 00
Representation Allowance	145, 000. 00	140, 000. 00	—5, 000. 00
Foreign Service Retirement and Disability Fund	199, 400. 00	199, 400. 00	
Salaries, Foreign Service Clerks	2, 570, 000. 00	2, 550, 000. 00	—20, 000. 00
Miscellaneous Salaries and Allowances	710, 500. 00	700, 000. 00	—10, 500. 00
Contingent Expenses, Foreign Service	1, 154, 500. 00	1, 135, 000. 00	—19, 500. 00
Emergency Fund	175, 000. 00	175, 000. 00	
TOTAL, FOREIGN SERVICE	12, 137, 900. 00	12, 049, 400. 00	—88, 500. 00
FOREIGN SERVICE BUILDINGS FUND	1, 000, 000. 00	750, 000. 00	—250, 000. 00

Title of appropriation	Estimate submitted to Congress	Appropriation approved by Congress	Increase (+) Decrease (-)
INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS			
Contributions, Quotas, etc.....	\$870, 133. 00	\$870, 000. 00	— \$133. 00
Convention for the Promotion of Inter-American Cultural Relations.....	75, 000. 00	75, 000. 00	-----
Mexican Boundary Commission:			
Regular Commission.....	198, 300. 00	193, 000. 00	— 5, 300. 00
Lower Rio Grande Flood Control.....	1, 000, 000. 00	800, 000. 00	— 200, 000. 00
Rio Grande Canalization.....	1, 000, 000. 00	500, 000. 00	— 500, 000. 00
Fence Construction.....		25, 000. 00	+ 25, 000. 00
International Boundary Commission:			
United States and Canada and Alaska and Canada.....	43, 000. 00	42, 000. 00	— 1, 000. 00
International Joint Commission:			
Salaries and Expenses.....	38, 500. 00	37, 500. 00	— 1, 000. 00
Special and Technical Investigations.....	49, 000. 00	47, 000. 00	— 2, 000. 00
International Fisheries Commission.....	31, 500. 00	25, 000. 00	— 6, 500. 00
International Pacific Salmon Fisheries Commission.....	40, 000. 00	40, 000. 00	-----
Eighth American Scientific Congress.....	90, 000. 00	85, 000. 00	— 5, 000. 00
Seventh Assembly of International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics.....	5, 000. 00	4, 500. 00	— 500. 00
Ninth International Seed Testing Congress.....	500. 00	500. 00	-----
Payment to Nicaragua.....	72, 000. 00	72, 000. 00	-----
TOTAL, INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS.....	3, 512, 933. 00	2, 816, 500. 00	— 696, 433. 00
GRAND TOTAL.....	19, 681, 623. 00	18, 518, 700. 00	— 1, 162, 923. 00

VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF THE CROWN PRINCE AND CROWN PRINCESS OF NORWAY

[Released June 26]

Their Royal Highnesses the Crown Prince and Crown Princess of Norway will arrive in Washington, for an unofficial visit, at 9:15 p. m., the evening of Tuesday, June 27. They will be accompanied by the Minister of Norway and will be met at the Union Station by the following committee:

The Honorable Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, and Mrs. Hull

Madame Munthe de Morgenstierne, wife of the Minister of Norway

Mr. J  rgen Galbe, Counselor of the Norwegian Legation, and Madame Galbe

Mr. George T. Summerlin, Chief of Protocol

Mr. James C. Dunn, Adviser on Political Relations, Department of State, and Mrs. Dunn

Mr. John Hickerson, Acting Chief of the Division of European Affairs, Department of State, and Mrs. Hickerson

Mr. Aage Bryn, First Secretary of the Norwegian Legation, and Madame Bryn

Mr. Ditlef Knudsen, Attach   of the Norwegian Legation, and Madame Knudsen

Mr. Torfinn Oftedal, Attach   of the Norwegian Legation

Lt. Col. H. M. Rayner, United States Army, Military Aide to the Crown Prince

Comdr. R. B. Carney, United States Navy, Naval Aide to the Crown Prince

On Wednesday, June 28, the Secretary of State and Mrs. Hull will give a luncheon for Their Royal Highnesses, who will remain in Washington until Friday afternoon, June 30.

[Released June 28]

Following is the list of guests attending the luncheon given by the Secretary of State and Mrs. Hull in honor of Their Royal Highnesses the Crown Prince and Crown Princess of Norway, June 28, 1939, at the Carlton Hotel:

Their Royal Highnesses the Crown Prince and Crown Princess of Norway; the Honorable the Minister of Norway and Madame Munthe de Morgenstierne; Maj. N. R. Østgaard and Madame Østgaard; Capt. N. A. Ramm; Mr. Jens Schive; Mrs. Woodrow Wilson; the Honorable the Attorney General; the Honorable the Secretary of Commerce; Mrs. Charles L. McNary; the Honorable Walter F. George and Mrs. George; the Honorable Robert L. Doughton and Mrs. Doughton; Mrs. Sol Bloom; the Honorable Edith Nourse Rogers; the Honorable Jere Cooper; the Honorable the Under Secretary of State and Mrs. Welles; the Honorable Lucille F. McMillan; Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Roosevelt; the Honorable Jesse Jones and Mrs. Jones; Mr. George T. Summerlin; Mr. David Lawrence; Mr. Ulric Bell; Miss Ramona Lefevre; Miss Beth Campbell; Lt. Col. Harold M. Rayner, United States Army, American military aide to His Royal Highness the Crown Prince of Norway; Comdr. Robert B. Carney, United States Navy, American naval aide to His Royal Highness the Crown Prince of Norway.

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MEXICO: PERFECTING OF LAND TITLES IN THE STATE OF VERACRUZ

[Released June 26]

The Department of State has been informed that the State of Veracruz, Mexico, has extended until July 22, 1939, the period within which proprietors of immovable property (including those who have inherited immovable property) may legalize their property rights by instituting the necessary proceedings to "perfect" the said rights in cases where titles of ownership are not properly inscribed in the Public Registry of Property. As stated in the Department's press release of March 21, 1939,² provision for such perfection of title was made

² *Press Releases*, Vol. XX, No. 495, March 25, 1939, pp. 222-223.

in Veracruz State law promulgated September 22, 1938.

The American consul at Veracruz, in reporting this extension, states that in order to comply with the law it may be necessary for American property owners affected by the law to engage an attorney. The consul will be glad, upon request, to furnish any interested American citizen with a list of attorneys. He cannot, of course, assume any responsibility for the integrity or ability of any attorneys appearing on the list who may be employed by such property owner.

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USE OF THE ORIGINAL RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Released July 1]

In view of the contemporary international situation, the Department has found it necessary to revise in certain respects the regulations set forth in Departmental Order No. 751, of April 5, 1938, relating to the use of the original records of the Department of State.³ The revised regulations as contained in Departmental Order No. 796, dated June 19, 1939, are as follows:

"Section 91, Title 20, of the United States Code reads in part as follows: 'The facilities for study research and illustration in the Government departments . . . shall be accessible, under such rules and restrictions as the officers in charge of each department or collection may prescribe, subject to such authority as is now or may hereafter be permitted by law, to the scientific investigators and to duly qualified individuals, students and graduates of any institution of learning in the several States and Territories and the District of Columbia . . .' Pursuant to the provisions quoted and in order

³ See *Press Releases*, Vol. XIX, No. 479, December 3, 1938, p. 401.

to clarify the present procedure in the Department, the following regulations, superseding those contained in Departmental Order No. 751, dated April 5, 1938, and all previous departmental orders on the subject, are hereby prescribed to govern the use of the original records of the Department of State.

"In view of the contemporary international situation it will not be possible to make the confidential or unpublished files and records of the Department of a date later than December 31, 1918, available to persons who are not officials of the United States Government. In order that the Department's records may be made available as liberally as circumstances permit, the Department each year will give consideration to the situation then existing with a view to advancing the date fixed whenever such action is deemed possible. The use of these records by Government officials will be subject to such conditions as the chiefs of the appropriate policy divisions in the Department of State may deem it advisable to prescribe.

"The confidential or unpublished records of the Department of a date prior to December 31, 1918, or such subsequent date as may be fixed by the Department, may be made available to persons who are not officials of the United States Government, subject to the following conditions:

"Files which are in current use in the Department or which cannot be made public without the disclosure of confidences reposed in the Department or without adversely affecting the public interest should not be made available to inquirers. Papers received by the Department from a foreign government which have not been released for publication by that government should not be made available to inquirers without the consent of the government concerned. If there is reason to believe a foreign government may be willing to permit the use of the papers in question under certain conditions the permission may, in the discretion of the appropriate officials of the Department, be requested. If such permission is requested, the expenses of communicating with

the foreign government (cost of telegrams, postage, etc.) will be met by the person desiring to consult the papers.

"Permission to consult the records of the Department through the date fixed by the Department may be granted, subject to the limitations set forth in this order, to such persons as lawyers, publicists, historians, instructors, and professors in accredited colleges and universities, and holders of the doctor's degree (or its equivalent) in foreign relations or allied subjects from such colleges and universities, provided that they are authorities of recognized standing in the field to which the records relate and that they have an important and definite use for the information desired. Due to lack of personnel the Department is not in a position to assemble large quantities of papers or extensive files for consultation by persons not officials of the Government, and requests for permission to consult material should therefore be definitely limited in scope and confined to specific subjects or particular papers.

"An application from an alien to consult the Department's records under this order shall be considered only if accompanied by a letter from the head of the embassy or legation at Washington of the country of which the alien is a citizen, subject or national. Such a letter must show that the applicant is favorably known to the appropriate embassy or legation and that the mission is familiar with the purpose of the applicant's work.

"All applications to consult the original records of the Department of date prior to the one fixed by the Department shall be referred to the Chief of the Division of Research and Publication. If the Chief of the Division of Research and Publication is of the opinion that the applicant possesses the requisite qualifications as set forth in this order, he shall have assembled and shall submit to the chief of the policy division charged with the consideration of questions in the field which is the object of the research or inquiry all of the relevant papers and files which the applicant

desires to consult with the exceptions herein-after noted. If the applicant is permitted to use all or part of the papers desired, the chief of the policy division concerned will inform the Chief of the Division of Research and Publication, under what conditions the papers may be examined, that is, whether copies may be made of the relevant documents or whether only notes may be taken and whether the copies or notes may be published in whole or in part or used only for background information, or any other conditions which the chief of the policy division mentioned may deem it advisable to prescribe. This decision will be final except in cases of unusual importance where the question may be referred to an Assistant Secretary of State or higher officer. Documents or papers previously released or published, and unpublished papers clearly involving no question of policy, may be made available to qualified applicants by the Chief of the Division of Research and Publication without reference to other officials.

"Upon receiving the decision of the chief of the policy division mentioned, with the conditions therein deemed advisable and necessary to prescribe, the Chief of the Division of Research and Publication will thereupon arrange for the applicant to consult the files subject to the conditions mentioned. After the papers have been consulted the applicant will submit all notes, copies of documents, etc., which he has made to the Chief of the Division of Research and Publication. The latter, when necessary, will refer these notes, copies, etc., to the chief of the policy division concerned for examination if desired by the chief of the latter division. The chief of this policy division may, after such examination, return the papers to the Chief of the Division of Research and Publication for transmittal to the applicant or he may, in his discretion, retain the notes and refuse the applicant permission to use them.

"The provisions of this order are to be interpreted as liberally as possible. In this regard it is to be borne in mind that the further it is possible to go in the way of promoting legiti-

mate historical research and the study of the foreign policy of the United States without violating the confidences necessary for the transaction of diplomatic affairs, the more likely the Department will be to receive the support and trust of the intelligent public."

TRAINING OF CHILEAN STUDENTS IN THE UNITED STATES

[Released July 1]

A group of graduate students of Chilean engineering schools today called on Assistant Secretary of State Berle to pay their respects. They were presented by the Chilean Ambassador. These students have come to the United States to spend several months in some of the important industrial plants of the country in order to obtain advanced instruction and practical experience in certain branches of technology. They are here under the sponsorship of the University of Chile and of a number of Chilean and American banks, transportation lines, and industrial concerns.

One group is under the sponsorship of:

The University of Chile (Engineering School)
Mining Credit Bank of Chile
Chilean State Railways
Consulate General of Chile in New York
Chile-American Association, Inc.
Wessel-Duval & Co.
General Motors Corp.
Baldwin Locomotive Works & Associated Companies
Bethlehem Steel Corp. & Associated Companies
Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey & Associated Companies
Westinghouse Electric International Co.
Thomas A. Edison Co.
Carrier Corporation

Members of this group are located as follows:

Luis Rojas, Westinghouse Electric International Co.
Carlos A. Echazú, Westinghouse Electric International Co.

Fernando Suárez, Baldwin Locomotive Works

Ramon Suárez, Bethlehem Steel Corp.

Jorge Hevia, Bethlehem Steel Corp.

Arturo Aranda, General Motors Corp.

Isaac Faiguenbaum, General Motors Corp.

Albert Arce, Carrier Corporation

Alfonso Castro, Baldwin Locomotive Works

Carlos Alvarez, Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey

A second group is under the sponsorship of

W. R. Grace & Co., the General Electric Co., and Ingersoll-Rand Co.

These students and their locations are as follows:

Ramon Cabezón B., General Electric Co.

Julio Melnick A., Ingersoll-Rand Co.

Luis Marti, Grace Industrial Department

The students presented also included Alberto Cabero, Jr., son of the Chilean Ambassador to the United States, and Mario Barranza, who is under the sponsorship of the Panagra airlines.

International Conferences, Commissions, etc.

BIENNIAL CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

[Released June 26]

Following is the text of a message from the President of the United States to Mr. Thomas J. Watson, in connection with the Congress of the International Chamber of Commerce being held at Copenhagen, Denmark, convening June 26, 1939:

"In these times of international uncertainty the existence of the International Chamber of Commerce and its efforts to promote international economic activity are extremely heartening to those of us who believe that only with the existence of stable and progressively improving world trade and finance will it be possible to establish satisfactory international political relations.

"I am glad to take this opportunity of expressing again my appreciation of the work done in the promotion of world trade and understanding by the International Chamber of Commerce, which has been under your leadership for the past two years. To the International Chamber of Commerce and to your successor I extend my best wishes for continued successful activities in this direction.

"FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT"

In transmitting the foregoing message to Mr. Watson, Secretary of State Hull wrote:

"I have been requested by the President to transmit to you his message to the International Chamber of Commerce at the June 26, 1939 Opening Session of its Biennial Congress. I should like to have you know that I echo the words of the President and that I wish for the International Chamber of Commerce a successful congress.

"CORDELL HULL"

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INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY, UNITED STATES AND BOLIVIA

[Released June 26]

By the joint action of the Governments of the United States and Bolivia, Mr. Johannes Irgens, Norwegian diplomatist, has been appointed to the position of Joint Commissioner for the International Commission provided for under the terms of the Treaty for the Advancement of Peace between the United States and Bolivia, signed January 22, 1914.

The present composition of the Commission is as follows:

American Commissioners:

National: A. R. Talbot, of Nebraska
Nonnational: Ludvigs Séja, of Latvia

Bolivian Commissioners:

National: Vacant
Nonnational: Vacant

Joint Commissioner:

Johannes Irgens, of Norway.

FIFTEENTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DOCUMENTATION

[Released July 1]

This Government has accepted the invitation of the Swiss Government to participate in the Fifteenth International Conference on Documentation, which will be held at Zürich, Switzerland, from August 10 to 13, 1939, and the President has approved the appointment of the following persons as delegates on the part of the United States:

Vernon D. Tate, Ph. D., Chief, Division of Photographic Archives and Research, The National Archives

Miss José Meyer, European representative, Library of Congress, Paris, France.

This Government was represented at the Fourteenth International Conference on Documentation which was held at Oxford, England, in September 1938. At that meeting the discussions concerned the best methods of obtaining authoritative information on bibliographic work in such fields of learning as archeology, archive work, economics, history, and linguistic studies.

Treaty Information

All material for the month of June 1939 concerning treaties to which the United States is a party or may become a party or treaties of general international interest will appear in the *Treaty Information* bulletin for June 30, 1939;

treaty data available after that date will be compiled in the Treaty Division and will appear in this section of subsequent issues of *The Department of State Bulletin*.

Foreign Service

The July 1, 1939, issue of the *Foreign Service List* will contain the following changes in heads of American diplomatic missions:

Norman Armour, of New Jersey, formerly Ambassador to Chile, appointed Ambassador to Argentina May 18, 1939.

Claude G. Bowers, of New York, formerly Ambassador to Spain, appointed Ambassador to Chile June 22, 1939.

Robert Granville Caldwell, of Texas, resigned as Minister to Bolivia effective upon expiration of leave of absence.

Frank P. Corrigan, of Ohio, formerly Minister to Panama, appointed Ambassador to Venezuela January 20, 1939.

William Dawson, of Minnesota, formerly Minister to Uruguay, appointed Ambassador to Panama March 23, 1939.

Louis G. Dreyfus, Jr., of California, formerly counselor of embassy at Lima, Peru, appointed Minister to Iran July 7, 1939.

Antonio C. Gonzalez, of New York, resigned as Minister to Venezuela effective June 8, 1939.

Douglas Jenkins, of South Carolina, formerly consul general at London, appointed Minister to Bolivia June 22, 1939.

Daniel C. Roper, of South Carolina, appointed Minister to Canada May 9, 1939.

Laurence A. Steinhardt, of New York, formerly Ambassador to Peru, appointed Ambassador to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics March 23, 1939.

Alexander W. Weddell, of Virginia, formerly Ambassador to Argentina, appointed Ambassador to Spain May 3, 1939.

Edwin C. Wilson, of Florida, formerly counselor of embassy at Paris, appointed Minister to Uruguay June 22, 1939.

The following changes have occurred in the American Foreign Service since June 24, 1939:

John G. Erhardt, of Brooklyn, N. Y., Foreign Service officer detailed as inspector, has been designated first secretary of embassy and consul general at London, England.

William M. Cramp, of Philadelphia, Pa., second secretary of legation at Tegucigalpa, Honduras, has been assigned as consul at Warsaw, Poland.

William C. Trimble, of Baltimore, Md., now assigned to the Department of State, has been designated third secretary of embassy and vice consul at Paris, France.

Douglas Flood, of Kenilworth, Ill., vice consul at Barcelona, Spain, has been assigned as vice consul at Naples, Italy.

Robert C. Strong, of Beloit, Wis., vice consul at Frankfort on the Main, Germany, has been assigned as vice consul at Prague, Bohemia.

The following Executive orders concerning the Foreign Service have recently been issued:

Executive Order Amending the Foreign Service Regulations of the United States (Retirement of Foreign Service Officers). (E. O. 8176.) Federal Register, Vol. 4, No. 121, June 23, 1939, p. 2467 (The National Archives of the United States).

Executive Order Amending the Foreign Service Regulations of the United States (Chapter III—Immunities, Powers, and Privileges). (E. O. 8181.) Federal Register, Vol. 4, No. 123, June 27, 1939, p. 2491 (The National Archives of the United States).

[The above orders effect no material alterations in the Foreign Service Regulations but merely consolidate into one chapter the miscellaneous sections throughout the Regulations pertaining to the diplomatic and consular branches of the Foreign Service as separate entities.]

Executive Order: Effective Date of Election by Retired Foreign Service Officers to Receive Reduced Annuities. (E. O. 8180.) Federal Register, Vol. 4, No. 122, June 24, 1939, p. 2475 (The National Archives of the United States).

Anniversaries

ANNIVERSARY OF INAUGURATION OF POSTAL SERVICE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND FRANCE

[Released July 1]

Translation of a telegram from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of France (Georges Bonnet) to the Secretary of State

PARIS, June 28, 1939.

Seventy-five years ago a steamer to which France had been pleased to give the name of the American hero Washington insured for the first time, in thirteen and one-half days, the regular service of the French mail line between Le Havre and New York. On the occasion of this anniversary I desire to express to Your Excellency, recalling myself to your recollection, the deep satisfaction which I feel in noting the progress made with respect to the rapidity of communications between France and the United States, a tangible testimony of the unfailing friendship which unites our two countries.

GEORGES BONNET

Telegram from the Secretary of State to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of France

JUNE 30, 1939.

I hasten to thank Your Excellency for your cordial telegram on the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the inauguration of a postal service between France and the United States by the French steamer *Washington*. The phenomenal expansion in transportation facilities between the United States and Europe since the maiden voyage of the French steamer *Washington*

has had a profound influence on cultural and commercial relations between our two countries.

CORDELL HULL

Legislation

Communication from the President of the United States transmitting supplemental estimate of appropriation for the War Department, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939, to remain available until expended, amounting to \$200,000, for investigation and survey of a canal and highway across the Republic of Nicaragua. (H. Doc. 351, 76th Cong., 1st sess.) 2 pp. 5¢.

Hearings before the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives on present neutrality law (Public Res. 27, 75th Cong.), proposed amendments thereto, and related legislation affecting the foreign policy of the United States, April 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and May 2, 1939. (76th Cong., 1st sess.) 639 pp. 60¢.

An Act Making appropriations for the Departments of State and Justice and for the Judiciary, and for the Department of Commerce, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1940, and for other purposes. (Public, No. 156, 76th Cong., 1st sess.) 39 pp. 10¢.

Publications

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Treaty Information, Bulletin No. 116, May 31, 1939. Publication 1342. iv, 20 pp. Subscription, \$1 a year; single copy, 10¢.

OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Foreign Commerce Yearbook, 1938. (Department of Commerce: Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.) 1939. 435 pp. \$1 (cloth).

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